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SUBJECT: ICAO EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY/DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE  
IN ROME

REF: (1) STATE 154149; (2) A-3938, MAY 7, 1973

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED AID-MEMOIRE, WITH ARABIC TRANSLATION, TO HEAD OF WESTERN AFFAIRS DIV OF FONMIN 6 AUGUST AND EXPLAINED USG POSITION IN GENERAL TERMS. MOFA OFFICIAL NOT CERTAIN SAG WOULD BE ATTENDING, THOUGH HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY. HE SAID HE WOULD SEE NOTE WENT FORWARD SO THAT SAG CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE (CAD) WOULD BE AWARE OUR POSITION. (SUBSEQUENTLY, EMBOFF CHECKED AND ASCERTAINED SAG WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ONE LOW-RANKING CAD OFFICIAL AND ONE MEMBER OF ICAO TEAM WORKING HERE.)

2. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION OF ANTI-HIJACKING MEASURES, MOFA OFFICIAL ASSURED EMBOFF SAG, AS IS WELL KNOWN, IS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO HIJACKING, BUT FEELS POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS PREVENT IT FROM BEING TOO ACTIVE IN ITS PUBLIC  
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DENUNCIATION OF HIJACKING. THIS WAS ALSO EXPLANATION

FOR SAG'S NOT HAVING YET SIGNED EITHER MONTREAL OR HAGUE CONVENTION. EMBOFF, REFERRING TO REFAIR, POINTED OUT THAT SUCH DIVERSE ARAB COUNTRIES AS EGYPT, YEMEN (SANAA), JORDAN, KUWAIT AND IRAQ HAD SIGNED EITHER OR BOTH. MOFA OFFICIAL TOOK NOTES AND SAID HE WOULD SEE THIS INFO REACHED COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, WHERE ISSUE OF RATIFYING TWO CONVENTIONS HAS BEEN SINCE LAST FALL. HE ADDED, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, RECENT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES (JAL HIJACKING AND ATHENS AIRPORT INCIDENT) AND SUBSEQUENT ARAB DENUNCIATIONS WOULD SEEM TO MAKE TIME MOST PROPITIOUS FOR SAG SIGNING OF TWO CONVENTIONS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WITH MOFA AND CAD PRIOR DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE TO ROME TO URGE IT SUPPORT USG POSITION. AS DELEGATION CLEARLY, HOWEVER, LOW-RANKING ONE, EMBASSY DOUBTS IT WILL BE IN POSITION COMMIT SAG TO ANY SIGNIFICANT ACTION.  
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